

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the specification at page 1, please replace the Title with the following amended Title:

~~Use of Methods for producing animal feed preparations with~~ astaxanthin-containing plants or parts of plants of the genus *Tagetes* ~~as feedstuffs~~.

In the specification at page 1 line 3, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a national stage application (under 35 U.S.C. 371) of PCT/EP03/09109 filed August 18, 2003, which claims benefit of German application 102 38 980.2 filed August 20, 2002, German application 102 38 978.0 filed August 20, 2002, German application 102 38 979.9 filed August 20, 2002, German application 102 53 112.9 filed November 13, 2002, and German application 102 58 971.2 filed December 16, 2002.